**Title: Japanese occupation of Korea ends**

**Date: 1945**



Location: Korea

Description: After World War II, Japanese occupation of Korea ends with Soviet troops occupying the north, and US troops the south.

**Title: Vessel Seized by North Korean**

**Date: 1968**

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Location: North Korea

Description: US intelligence-gathering vessel seized by North Korean gunboats.

**Title: Km Jong il moves political Ladder**

**Date: 1980**



Location: North Korea

Description: Kim Il-sung's son, Kim Jong-il, moves up party and political ladder.

**Title: Death of Kim Il-sung**

**Date: 1994**



Location: North Korea

Description: Death of Kim Il-sung. Kim Jong-Il succeeds him as leader, but doesn't take presidential title. North Korea agrees to freeze nuclear programmed in return for $5bn worth of free fuel and two nuclear reactors.

**Title: Severe Famine**

**Date: 1996**



Location: North Korea

Description: Severe famine follows widespread floods.

**Title: North stop propaganda for the south**

**Date: 2000**



Location: North and South Korea

Description: Summit in Pyongyang between Kim Jong-Il and South Korean President Kim Dae-Jung. North stops propaganda broadcasts against the South. South Korea gives amnesty to more than 3,500 prisoners.

**Title: Apologize for abductions**

**Date: 2002** September



Location: Japanese and North Korea

Description: Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi visits, the first Japanese leader to do so. He meets Kim Jong-il who apologises for the abductions of Japanese citizens in the 1970s and 1980

**Title: Nuclear tension Mount**

**Date: 2002** October-December



Location: North Korea

Description: Nuclear tensions mount. In October the US says North Korea has admitted to having a secret weapons programme. The US decides to halt oil shipments to Pyongyang. In December North Korea begins to reactivate its Yongbyon reactor. International inspectors are thrown out.

**Title: North Korea Launches a Rocket**

**Date: 2009** April



Location: North Korea

Description:North Korea launches a rocket carrying what it says is a communications satellite; its neighbours accuse it of testing long-range missile technology. After criticism of the launch from the UN Security Council, North Korea walks out of the international six-party talks aimed at winding up its nuclear programme.

**Title: Death of Kim Jong-il**

**Date: 2011** December



Location: North Korea

Descrption: Kim Jong-il dies. Kim Jong-un presides at his funeral, is hailed as "Great Successor" and takes over from his father as chariman of the National Defence Commission. He is expected to take over the ruling party leadership early in 2012.